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### **Plastic Container Recycling Expanded**

*Public-Private Collaboration Works to Increase Variety of Plastics that can be Recycled*

Recycling in Tallahassee and Leon County is getting easier thanks to an initiative from Sustainable Tallahassee embraced by the City of Tallahassee and Leon County. Effective immediately, all plastic containers that hold less than 3 gallons can be recycled, including items such as butter tubs, yogurt cups and produce baskets.

Sustainable Tallahassee, a citizen-led initiative established through the Knight Creative Communities Institute, appointed a Recycle Sub Committee of citizens, business reps and staff from the City and County. The group worked with the companies that receive plastics from the Tallahassee / Leon County area, and the result is a significant expansion to the plastic materials that can be received.

Previously, only certain plastic bottles and jugs were accepted by the City and County recycling collection programs. Now, household plastic containers that hold less than 3 gallons and have never held automotive fluid, pesticides or other hazardous materials can be collected through the existing City and County recycle collection programs.

The Tallahassee-Leon County area is proud of its environmentally friendly reputation, and this successful initiative is an excellent demonstration of public-private cooperation and the community's continued commitment to sustainability.

"The newly expanded plastic recycling program is cost-efficient and friendly to our environment," said City Commissioner Nancy Miller, the City's lead Commissioner on energy and environmental issues. "It makes it easier for citizens to recycle plastic items, at no additional cost, and benefits the natural resources we treasure here in Tallahassee and Leon County."

"The Leon County Commission is delighted to collaborate with the City of Tallahassee and Sustainable Tallahassee to move this collaborative effort forward," said Leon County Commission Vice Chairman Akin Akinyemi. "This expansion to our recycling represents a significant opportunity to make more strides toward our ultimate goal of building a more sustainable community."

For more information on recycling in the Tallahassee-Leon County area, visit [www.talgov.com/you/solid/recycle.cfm](http://www.talgov.com/you/solid/recycle.cfm) , [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling) or [www.SustainableTallahassee.org](http://www.SustainableTallahassee.org) .

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